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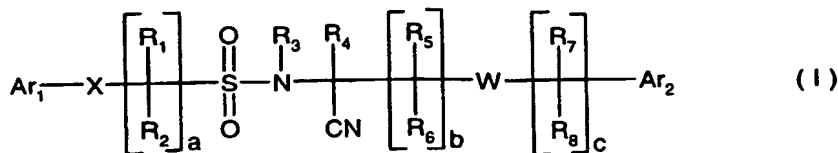
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to  $\alpha$ -sulfonylamino-acetonitrile derivatives of the general formula (I) including the optical isomers thereof and mixtures of such isomers, wherein Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> independently of each other stand for an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group,

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> stand independently of each other for hydrogen, optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkynyl or optionally substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl; R<sub>3</sub> designates hydrogen, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkynyl or optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl; R<sub>4</sub> is optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkynyl or optionally substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl; R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are independently of each other hydrogen or optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkynyl or optionally substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl; R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> are independently of each other hydrogen or optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkynyl or optionally substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl; W designates a bridge selected from -O-, -S(O)m- or -NR<sub>3</sub>-; X designates a direct bond or a bridge selected from -O-, -S(O)m- or -NR<sub>3</sub>-; a and b independently of each other stand for a number 1, 2 or 3; and c and m independently of each other stand for a number zero, 1 or 2. These compounds possess useful plant protecting properties and may advantageously be employed in agricultural practice for controlling or preventing the infestation of plants by phytopathogenic microorganisms, especially fungi.